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SUBJECT: OXNARD CITY OFFICIALS TO VISIT LNG FACILITIES: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST (SEN. CRANSTON)

- 1. SEN ALLEN CRANSTON'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES TO OXNARD, CALIFORNIA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WILL VISIT JAPAN TO COMPLETE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON LNG FACILITIES. THEY HOPE TO TOUR MAJOR LNG FACILITIES NEAR TOKYO AND OSAKA AND MEET WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LNG FACILITIES.
- 2. COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL VISIT IN THREE GROUPS FROM MARCH 14-18 (MAYOR KATO, COUNCILMAN MILLER), MARCH 22-25 (COUNCILMAN MAXWELL), AND MARCH 28-31 (COUNCILMAN TAKASUGI, COUNCILWOMAN TOLMACH). THE CITY HAS SENT LETTERS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF TOKYO AND OSAKA GAS COMPANIES FOR TOURS OF LNG FACILITIES AND TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENTS:

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MR. TATSUZO YAMAZAKI FIRE CHIEF TOKYO METROPOLITAN FIRE BOARD 1-11-39, NAGATA-CHO CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 100; MR. K. SHITZUKAWA FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICER

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT DIVISION MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY TOKYO, 591-9802;

DR. SEIICHI HIRA KAWA, CHAIRMAN LNG SPECIALIST COMMITTEE JAPAN NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION TOKYO;

MR., KAO KOBAYASHI DIVISION MANAGER STORAGE TANK DIVISION ISHIKAWAJIMA HARIMA INDUSTRIES 3-2 ;OYOSU KOTO-KU, TOKYO.

3. PLEASE INFORM EA/J ASAP A CONTACT POINT IN THE EMBASSY FOR THE GROUP. MAJOR KATO HAS ASKED THAT THE APPOINTMENTS SOUGHT BY CITY LETTER FOR THE INDIVIDUALS IN PARA 2 FOR MARCH 17 BE CHANGED TO MARCH 14 OR MARCH 24 IF NECESSARY. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT SEEK APPOINTMENTS FOR GROUP BUT PLEASE OFFER APPROPRIATE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WITH SCHEDULE UPON ARRIVAL.

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